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PETITION FOR VARIANCE IN RE:

S/S Liberty Road, 30' E of the

c/l of Courtleigh Drive (8419 Liberty Road) 2nd Election District

2nd Councilmanic District

Benjamin Brooks Petitioner

BEFORE THE

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 96-134-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petition were Benjamin Brooks, property owner, Paul Lee, Professional Engineer, Del. Emmett C. Burns, Jr., who leases the basement level for office use, and Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esquire, attorney for the Petitioner. There were no Protestants present.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property consists of a gross area of 0.55 acres, more or less, zoned R.O. and is improved with a one-story office building, including a basement level, and accessory paved parking area. Also on the property is a freestanding,

two-faced identification sign of 47 sq.ft. which is the subject of this request. Testimony revealed that Mr. Brooks recently purchased the subject property and has established his real estate office therein. Mr. Brooks seeks approval to legitimize the existing sign which identifies his real estate business. Further testimony revealed that the property was previously the size of a Century 21 Real Estate office. Photographs of the property which were submitted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2 clearly show that the property is well-maintained and attractive in appearance and that adequate parking exists on site. Furthermore, it is clear that the subject sign will not interfere with the sight lines of motorists traveling along Courtleigh Drive and Liberty Road, and thus, the granting of the variance will not result in any adverse effects upon the surrounding locale.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

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It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this $24^{\frac{1}{12}}$ day of November, 1995 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 203.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a two-faced, freestanding sign of 47 sq.ft. in lieu of the permitted 8 sq.ft. attached sign, and to establish and confirm the current use of the subject property as a one-story office building, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

 The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order

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has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

November 24, 1995

Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esquire 409 Washington Avenue, Suite 600 Towson, Maryland 21204

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2nd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District

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Dear Mr. Borgerding:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an a_i -al to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

TMK:bjs

cc: Mr. Benjamin Brooks

8419 Liberty Road, Baltimore, Md. 21207

Mr. Paul Lee

304 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204

People's Counsel

File



Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

8419 Liberty Road Baltimore, MD 21207

96-134-A

which is presently zoned

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I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

| | legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition |
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| Contract Purchaser/Lessee | Legal Owner(s) |
| Benjamin Brooks (Type of Point Name) | Benjamin Brooks (Type or Print Name) |
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| Address | (Type or Print Name) |
| City State Zipcode | Signature |
| Attorney for Petitioner Francis X. Borgerding, Jr. Type of Print Name) | 8419 Liberty Road |
| Signature X, Joyley / | Baltimore MD 21207 City State Zipcode Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted. |
| 409 Washington Ave., Ste. 600 296–6820 Address Phone No. Towson MD 21204 City State Zipcode | Francis X. Borgerding, Jr. Name 409 Washington Ave., Ste. 600 Towson, MD 21204 296-6820 Address Phone No |
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| | the following dates Next Two Months ALL OTHER 9/25/95 |

Paul Les P.E.

Paul Lee Engineering Inc. 304 W. Pennsylvania Ace. Towson, Maryland 21204 410-821-5941

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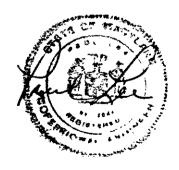
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ELECTION DISTRICT 2C2 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Beginning for the same at a point located on the south side of Liberty Road, said point also being located Easterly - 30 feet from the center of Courtleigh Drive; thence binding on the south side of Liberty Road the 2 following courses:

(1) N 88°51'30" E - 8.94 feet and (2) S 64°34'30" E - 82.13 feet; thence leaving said south side of Liberty Road (3) S 38°30'05" W - 243.53 feet and (4) N 64°34'30" W - 35.04 feet to the east side of Courtleigh Drive, thence binding on the east side of said Courtleigh Drive (5) N 25°25'30" E - 233.21 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 14,829 s.f. of land more or less.



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Hearing: Thursday, November 9, 1995 at 8:00 a.m. In Rm. 118, Old Courthbuse.

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LEGAL AD. - TOWSON

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ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

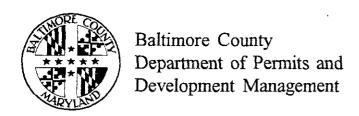
PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper. NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

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| Item No.: 133 |
| Petitioner: Benjamin Brooks Location: 8419 Liberty Road |
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| PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: |
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| NAME: MANAMAN Francis X. Borgerding, Jr. ADDRESS: Washington Au, Str. 600 |
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AJ:ggs (Revised 04/09/93)



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

October 12, 1995

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore
County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in
Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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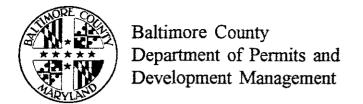
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cc: Benjamin Brooks

Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esq.

NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

November 2, 1995

Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esquire 409 Washington Ave., Suite 600 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Item No.: 133

Case No.: 96-134-A Petitioner: B. Brooks

Dear Mr. Borgerding:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on September 25, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor

WCR/jw
Attachment(s)

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: Oct. 18, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Bevelopment Plans Review Division

RE: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for October 16, 1995 Item No. 133

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. The change of use variance makes this site subject to the Landscape Manual requirements.

The four parking spaces near Liberty Road should be eliminated. Three spaces can be added to the existing seven parking spaces.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: October 23, 1995

Permits and Development

Management

FROM:

Pat Keller, Director

Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning has no comments on the following petition(s):

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Item Nos / 133, 157, 158, 159, and 160

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

Prepared by:

Division Chief.

PK/JL

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

T0:

ZAOM - Joyce Watson

DATE: 10/19/95

FROM:

GEPRM

Development Coordination

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee

Agenda: 10/2 and 10/10/95

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The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no

comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items: ZAC MTG of

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David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

10-10-95

Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

Baltimore County Item No. 133 (MJK)

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Burns, Chief

Engineering Access Permits

Division

BS/es

My telephone number is .

Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free

PETITION PROBLEMS

#133 -- MJK

1 No telephone number for legal owner.

#136 -- JRA

1. No zoning on petition form.

#137 --- JRA

1 Folder was not marked critical area.

#139 — MJK

- 1.
- 2.
- Receipt was not given to petitioner or attorney; still in folder. No address or telephone number for legal owner. Petition says zoning is "O-2"; folder says "OR-2" which is correct? 3.

#140 --- CAM

- No telephone number for legal owner. Petition says zoning is "DR55". 1.
- 2.

#141 -- MJK

- 1. Need printed name and title of person signing for legal owner, along with power of attorney.
- Need printed name and title of person signing for contract purchaser., along 2. with power of attorney.

#142 -- CAM

1. No review information on bottom of petition form.

#143 - JJS

- Need title of person signing for legal owner, along with power of attorney. 1.
- Need telephone number for legal owner. 2.

Jawrence E. Schmidt

Joning Commissioner

Hoo Washington avenue

Jowson Wh 21204

Dear New Schnidt,

War me summer, I wish to be consedered a protestant in Case (96 134-A Hem 133) and wish & here your opinion in this case.

I was unable to attend the hearing on Hor q. There is nothing unique in the setuction of this property that demands increased signage. Indeed, if franted it will now be unique with lycessive signage.

The majority of the Board of Directors of the FRCC at its October Goard Meeting on Oct 25 1995 agreed that a variance was not to be granted. Stevens work association dissented; They have a monetary association with the subject property's owner.

Please de take the into consideration. Please send your opinion. We do not need bigger sejus anywhere!

Sweerely. Judeth Berge CASE NUMBER: 96-133-SPH (Item 132)

711 Academy Road - Frederick Villa Nursing Center S/S Old Frederick Road, 682' SE of c/l St. Agnes Lane 1st Election District - 1st Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Fredrick Villa Nursing Center/Henry Reitberger

Special Hearing to approve an amendment to the existing special exception (70-54-RX) which permits a nursing home in an R-6 zone. Special Exception must be amended to permit a second story addition to the existing mursing home and increase the number of beds from 125 to 244.

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

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CASE NUMBER: 96-135-SPH (Item 134)

6849 Sunshine Avenue

S/S Sunshine Avenue, 1200' E of Stoney Batter Road

11th Election District - 6th Councilmanic

Legal Owner: David A. Kinlein

Contract Purchaser: Walter and Donna Clayton

Special Hearing to approve the transfer (ofr parts of) R.C.-2 zoned parcels (between adjacently owned existing parcels).

HEARIN:G: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 118, 0ld Courthouse.

CASE NUMBER: 96-136-A (Item 135)

235 Tollgate Road

Mount Pleasant AME Church

SW/S Tollgate Road, corner W/S Chins Court 4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic Legal Owner: Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Church

Variance to permit a rear yard of 14 feet instead of the required 30 feet; and to permit 29 parking spaces instead of the required 43.

HEARIN:G: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

CASE NUMBER: 96-137-A (Item 136)

2820 Illinois Avenue

N/S Illinois Avenue, 175' W of c/l Brian Street

13th Election District - 1st Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Michael Dale Chick, Jr. and Beatrice A. Chick

Variance to allow a recreational vehicle (trailer) to be stored in the front yard in lieu of the side yard, which storage of recreational vehicle must be 2-1/2 feet from the side property line and 8 feet to the rear of front foundation line in the rear yard.

HEARIN:G: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

CASE NUMBER: 96-138-A (Item 137)

202 South Marlyn Avenue

W/S South Marlyn Avenue, 62.5' N of Glass Avenue 15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Sharon Hunter

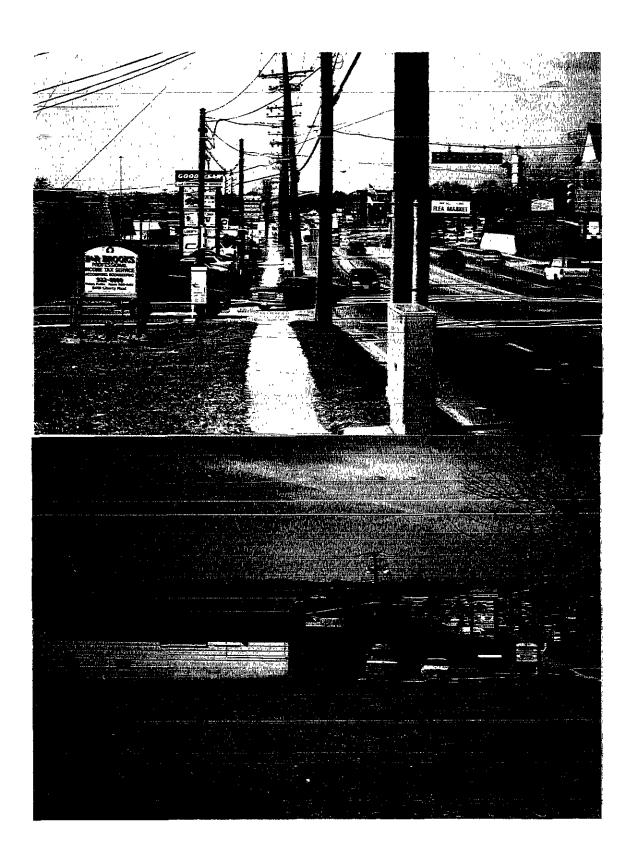
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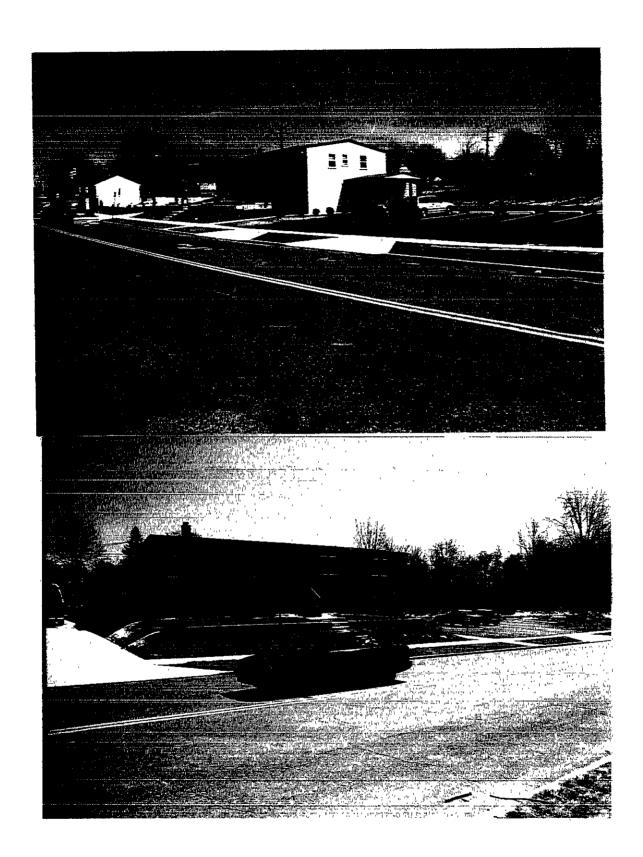
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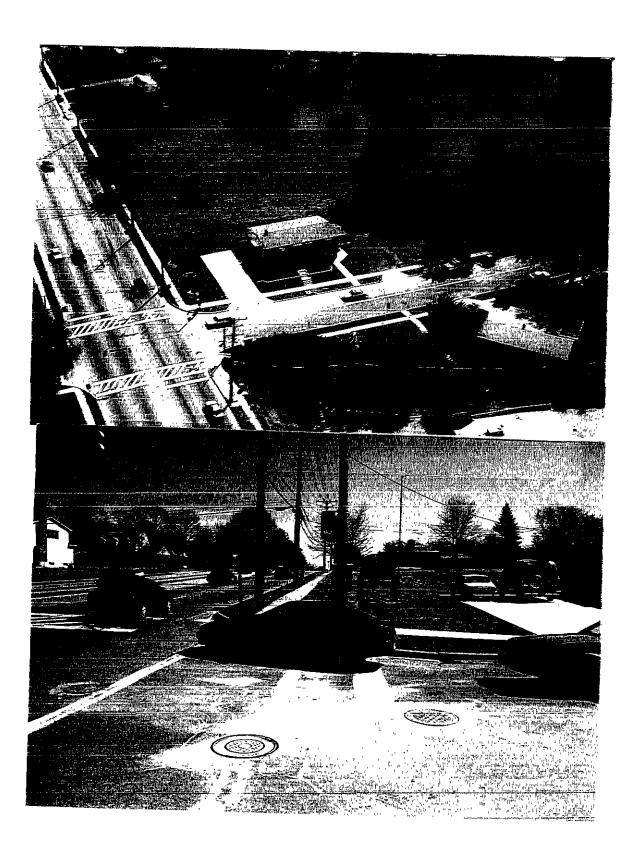
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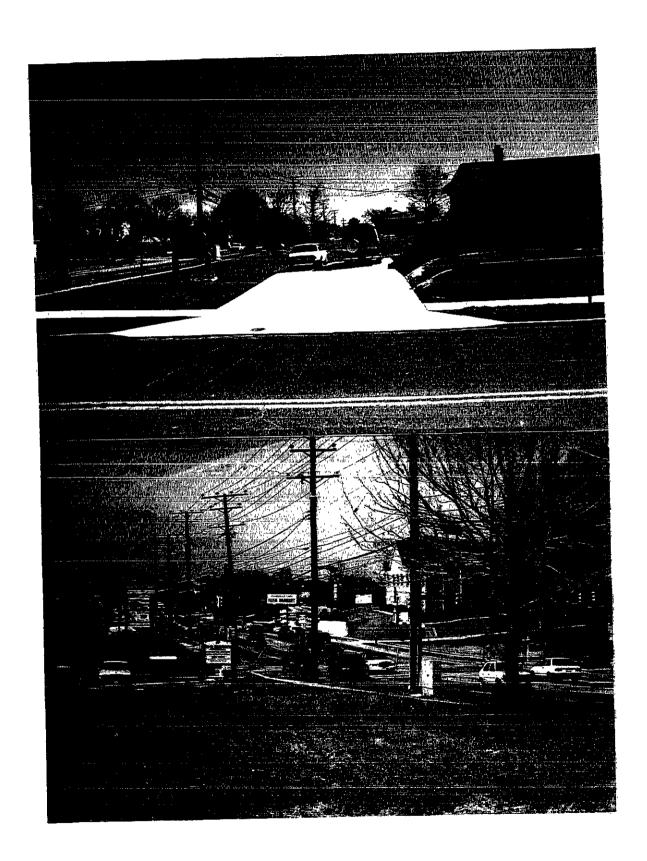
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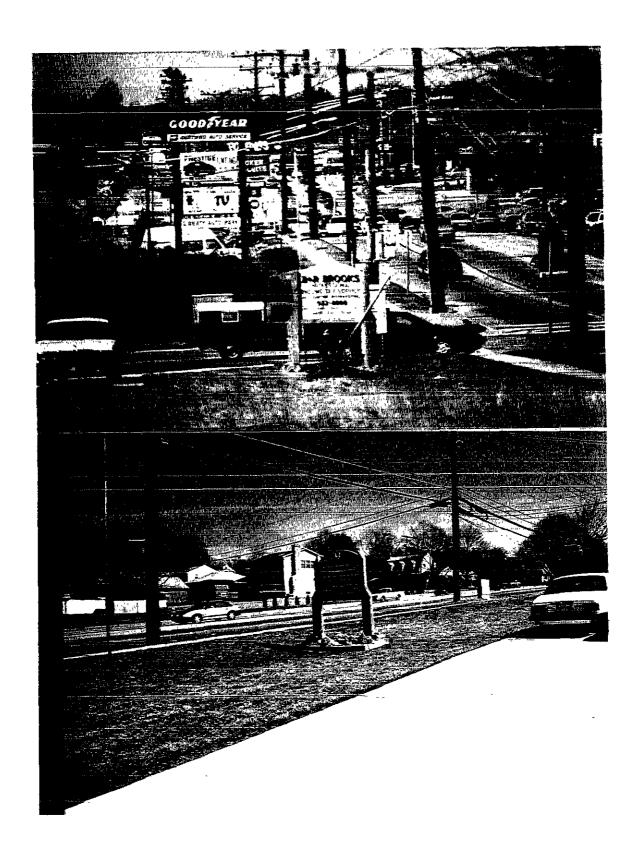
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It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 24 day of November, 1995 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 203.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a two-faced. freestanding sign of 47 sq.ft. in lieu of the permitted 8 sq.ft. attached sign, and to establish and confirm the current use of the subject property as a one-story office building, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1. be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> 1) The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order

Paul Los, P.E.

Paul Lee Engineering Inc. 304 W. Ponnsylvania Acc. Towson, Maryland 21204 410-821-5941

DESCRIPTION

#8419 LIBERTY ROAD ELECTION DISTRICT 2C2 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Beginning for the same at a point located on the south side of Liberty Road, said point also being located Easterly -30 feet from the center of Courtleigh Drive; thence binding on the south side of Liberty Road the 2 following courses: (1) N $88^{\circ}51'30"$ E - 8.94 feet and (2) S $64^{\circ}34'30"$ E - 82.13feet; thence leaving said south side of Liberty Road (3) S 38°30'05" W - 243.53 feet and (4) N 64°34'30" W - 35.04 feet to the east side of Courtleigh Drive, thence binding on the east side of said Courtleigh Drive (5) N 25°25'30" E - 233.21 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 14,829 s.f. of land more or less.



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NOTICE OF HEARING

Case: #96-134-A

Variance: to permit a 2 fe

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Hearing: Thursday, November 9, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse.

LAWRENCE E SCHMIDT

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

hold a public hearing on the properly identised herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 or Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows: THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ____ successive

has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is

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Deputy Zoning Commissioner

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

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reversed, the relie, granted herein shall be rescinded.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT 96-134-4002382 DATE 9/25/95 I+cm: 133 By: my

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

November 24, 1995

Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esquire 409 Washington Avenue, Suite 600 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE S/S Liberty Road, 30' E of the c/l of Courtleigh Drive (8419 Liberty Road) 2nd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District Benjamin Brooks - Petitioner

Dear Mr. Borgerding:

Case No. 96-134-A

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an a -al to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date o this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact ti - Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

Muthy lotrow TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

cc: Mr. Benjamin Brooks 8419 Liberty Road, Baltimore, Md. 21207

Mr. Paul Lee 304 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Hd. 21204

People's Counsel

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8419 Liberty Road Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or revresentative Francis X. Borgerding, Jr. Name 409 Washington Ave., Ste. 600 Towson, MD 21204

REVIEWED BY: 75) L DATE 9/25/95

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the

legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petiti-

Benjamin Broke

which is presently zoned R.O.

J.O. 95-017

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AMOUNT \$ 285. 0T FROM: Benjamin Brooks - 8 419 Liberty Rock

020-Comm. Variance - \$ 250.07 080- 1 sign posting - # 35.00 # 285.00

VALIDATION OR SIGNATURE OF CASH

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.

2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper. NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

For newspaper advertising:

Petitioner: Benjamin Brooks
Location: 8419 Liberty Road

PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:

NAME: MANAMAN Francis X. Borgerding, Jr.
ADDRESS: WASHINGTON Au, Ste. 600

BARNAM. Touson, MO 21704 PHONE NUMBER: 296-6820

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(Revised 04/09/93)

Department of Permits and Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

October 12, 1995

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 96-134-A (Item 133) 8419 Liberty Road S/S Liberty Road, 30' E of c/l Courtleigh Drive 2nd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic Legal Owner: Benjamin Brooks

Variance to permit a 2 faced free-standing sign (total 47 sq. ft.) in lieu of the permitted 8 sq. ft. single-faced sign and to establish the current use of the building for office purposes.

HEARIN:G: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE. (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.

Baltimore County
Department of Permits and
Development Management Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building III West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esquire 409 Washington Ave., Suite 600 Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Item No.: 133 Case No.: 96-134-A Petitioner: B. Brooks

Dear Mr. Borgerding:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on September 25, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

> W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor

Attachment(s)

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: Oct. 18, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Development Plans Review Division

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for October 16, 1995 Item No. 133

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. The change of use variance makes this site subject to the Landscape Manual requirements.

The four parking spaces near Liberty Road should be eliminated. Three spaces can be added to the existing seven parking spaces.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director Permits and Development Management

DATE: October 23, 1995

Pat Keller, Director Office of Planning

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Item Nos / 133, /157, 158, 159, and 160

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Agenda: 10/0 and 10/10/95

ZAOM - Joyce Watson Development Coordination

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee

Post-It® Fax Note 7671 Date 10/19/95 pages 1 To Jayce Watson From Letty Sonn ^{rDept} PDM

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items: ZAC MITG of

ZAC MTG of Oct-10 (133 Item #'s: 124 137 138

LETTY2/DEPRM/TXTS8P

Maryiand Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Hal Kassoff Administrator

Secretary

David L. Winstead

10-10-95

RE: Baltimore County Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Ronald Burns, Chief

Engineering Access Permits

My telephone number is ____

Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Stalewide Toll Free Mailing Address: P.O. Box 717 • Baltimore, MD 21203-0717 Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202 PETITION PROBLEMS

#133 -- MJK

No telephone number for legal owner.

#136 --- JRA

No zoning on petition form.

#137 --- JRA

Folder was not marked critical area.

#139 --- MJK

Receipt was not given to petitioner or attorney; still in folder. No address or telephone number for legal owner. Petition says zoning is "O-2"; folder says "OR-2" - which is correct?

#140 -- CAM

No telephone number for legal owner.
 Petition says zoning is "DR55".

#141 --- MJK

1. Need printed name and title of person signing for legal owner, along with

2. Need printed name and title of person signing for contract purchaser., along with power of attorney.

#142 — CAM

No review information on bottom of petition form.

#143 -- JJS

Need title of person signing for legal owner, along with power of attorney. Need telephone number for legal owner.

ITEM133/PZONE/ZAC1

